

Local information resources

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This guide has been developed to provide an overview of key datasets and information resources available at local and national levels.

By bringing these links together in one place, the aim is to make it easier to access relevant information. These information resources can:

- help build a clearer picture of an area,
- identify any trends or issues,
- support evidence-based discussions, and
- raise important questions for further exploration.

While this is not an exhaustive list, it offers a starting point for deeper analysis and insight.

Theme	Name	Description	Link
Fife specific resources			
KnowFife	KnowFife Hub	Provides access to a range of local information, knowledge and learning, such as Local Strategic Assessments	https://know.fife.scot/
KnowFife	Community Profiles	Provides access to local research reports and profiles for each of the 7 Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City of Dunfermline - Cowdenbeath - Glenrothes - Kirkcaldy - Levenmouth - North East Fife - South and West Fife 	https://know.fife.scot/community-profiles
KnowFife	Fuel Poverty Composite Index	The Fuel Poverty Composite Index ranks all datazones in Fife from 1 to 494 (where 1 is highest fuel poverty risk and 494 is lowest fuel poverty risk).	https://know.fife.scot/research-and-knowledge/topics/poverty-and-deprivation
Economy	Invest Fife	Economic profiles provide an overview of Fife's labour market.	https://www.investfife.co.uk/life-in-fife/economy/

Publicly available national and local data			
Children & Young People	Public Health Scotland – Child health data and intelligence	<p>Annual official statistics publications on key aspects of health for young children, based on routine reviews.</p> <p>Information provided includes a statistical report, technical report, data tables, open data and topic-specific dashboards on the publication page.</p>	https://publichealthscotland.scot/population-health/early-years-and-young-people/child-health-data-and-intelligence/publications-and-data/annual-official-statistics-publications/
Children & Young People	School Information Dashboards	<p>Brings together attainment and attendance information from publicly funded schools in Scotland. Can be viewed at Local Authority and individual school level.</p>	<p>Overview: https://education.gov.scot/parentzone/my-school/school-information-dashboard/</p> <p>Primary: https://scotland.shinyapps.io/sg-primary-school-information-dashboard/</p> <p>Secondary: https://scotland.shinyapps.io/sg-secondary-school-information-dashboard/</p> <p>Special: https://scotland.shinyapps.io/sg-special-school-information-dashboard/</p>
Children & Young People	Skills Development Scotland – Annual Participation Measure	<p>Interactive report providing an overview of the annual participation measure (16–19-year-olds participating in education, employment or training) for both Scotland and local authorities.</p>	https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/publications-statistics/statistics/annual-participation-measure?page=1&statisticCategoryId=7&order=date-desc
Children & Young People	Skills Development Scotland – Data Matrix	<p>The Data Matrix is an interactive tool, covering three main themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skills Supply - Skills Demand - Skills Mismatches 	https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/what-we-do/skills-planning/data-matrix

Children & Young People	Skills Development Scotland – Regional Skills Assessment	Regional Skills Assessments (RSAs) provide a consistent evidence base to inform future investment in skills.	https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/what-we-do/skills-planning/regional-skills-assessments
Children & Young People / Poverty and deprivation	Child Poverty	Interactive map highlighting the percentage of children in poverty per datazone, based on the DWP's Children in low-income families dataset and Scottish Child Payment take-up rate.	scotland.shinyapps.io/is-Child-Poverty-Map/ Local briefings: https://know.fife.scot/research-and-knowledge/topics/poverty-and-deprivation
Children & Young People / Poverty and deprivation	Public Health Scotland – Child Poverty Prevention Dashboard	An interactive dashboard presenting key data indicators on the drivers of child poverty, designed to support a preventative approach that delivers the greatest impact in improving outcomes for low-income families. The child poverty prevention dashboard forms part of the Prioritise child poverty resource that aims to support local strategic child poverty planning, monitoring and evaluation.	https://scotland.shinyapps.io/phs-child-poverty-dashboard/
Children & Young People	Children's Social Work Statistics	Statistics focused on children's social work in Scotland, such as looked after children.	https://www.gov.scot/collections/childrens-social-work/
Health & Wellbeing	ScotPHO Profiles	Range of health profiles to increase understanding of local health issues at Local authority, Health Board, HSC Locality and Intermediate zone (neighbourhood), such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and wellbeing - Population health - Children and young people - Climate 	https://scotland.shinyapps.io/ScotPHO_profiles_tool/
Local outcomes	Community Planning Outcomes Profile	Dashboard that can drill down to community level, providing an overview of the lives of people in that community and whether they are improving.	scotland.shinyapps.io/is-community-planning-outcomes-profile/

Living Locally	Scottish Living Locally Data Portal – Fife Overview	The Scottish Living Locally Data Portal (SLLDP) is an interactive online map showing locations in Scotland whether they have access (15 minute, 20 minute and 30 minute) to the 12 living locally domains.	https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/b6d90343136149299a8f66d8f546c81a Fife specific resource: https://know.fife.scot/_data/assets/file/0022/45814/SLLDP_Fife_Overview_May2024.html
Performance	Local Government Benchmarking Framework	The LGBF helps councils compare their performance against a suite of efficiency, output and outcome indicators that cover all areas of local government activity.	https://www.improvementservice.org.uk/benchmarking/explore-the-data
Population	National Records of Scotland	Regularly publish a number of datasets relating to the population and households (e.g. population estimates, births, deaths and household projections)	https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/ Fife specific briefings: https://know.fife.scot/research-and-knowledge/topics/population
Population	Scotland's Census	Access to data published from the 2011 and 2022 Census of Scotland.	https://www.scotlandscensus.gov.uk/ Fife specific briefings: https://know.fife.scot/research-and-knowledge/topics/census
Population	Statistics.gov.scot	Access to over 250 datasets, such as: - Population estimates - Scottish Child Payment: Caseload - Health & Social Care data	https://statistics.gov.scot/home
Population Surveys	Scottish Household Survey	The Scottish Household Survey collects and provides information about Scottish households such as: - Neighbourhoods - Local services - Physical activity - Volunteering	https://scotland.shinyapps.io/sg-scottish-household-survey-data-explorer/

Population Surveys	Scottish Health Survey	<p>This dashboard summarises key statistics from the Scottish Health Survey for Scotland, NHS health boards and local authority areas, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General health - Mental wellbeing - Alcohol, smoking & drugs 	https://scotland.shinyapps.io/sg-scottish-health-survey/
Poverty and deprivation	Poverty and Income Inequality in Scotland	Dashboard providing an overview of the key trends in poverty for Scotland.	https://data.gov.scot/poverty/
Poverty and deprivation	SIMD 2022v2	Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation is a tool for identifying areas with relatively high (or low) levels of deprivation.	<p>Interactive map: https://simd.scot/#/simd2020/BTTTTFTT/9/-4.0000/55.9000/</p> <p>Guidance documents: https://www.gov.scot/collections/scottish-index-of-multiple-deprivation-2020/</p>

Technical Note

This reference sheet was prepared by the Research & Insights Team and is intended as a general guide. All hyperlinks were verified as accessible in January 2026 but may be subject to future updates or changes.

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02	05/01/2026	Kay Thomson	Addition of the PHS Child Poverty Dashboard link and description.

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